

“Service Standards for Market-Dominant Mail Products.”

In polling, about two-thirds of Americans believe the U.S. Postal Service should be operated as a public service, not along the lines of a for-profit business. And I agree with them.

The new 10-year plan includes many good ideas such as converting to all-electric delivery vehicles and advocating an end to the USPS burden of funding future retiree health benefits.

In other words, there is much that can be done to considerably reduce costs and, hence, considerably reduce losses. But, there is no reason to insist the USPS must operate on a strictly break-even basis, given that this is a service mandated in the Constitution and that all nationwide communication systems bolster our national security, in part by ensuring we are a truly united nation.

All of which is a long way to get to my bottom line: Don't cut services (especially prompt delivery of letters, medications, checks, packages, etc.) while raising prices, whether through flexible pricing (whatever that means) or any other pricing device.

I realize inflation will eventually dictate some price hikes, but this service must remain accessible to all in price terms.

But nothing says services need to be delayed. Nothing says we need to make our postal system a less-good service.

Thank you.

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